

# GERMAN FLEET IS SCATTERED

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
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The Old Argument About the Middle-Man  
The Few Are as Wrong as the Many

Those who challenge the American way of life are divided roughly into two classes — the Communists, who criticize to destroy; and the theorists, well-meaning at heart, but whose bookish views, if adopted, would lead to changes quite different from what they anticipate. A generation ago it was tremendously popular to advocate the elimination of the Middle-Man in business. The Middle-Man is still here, but the campaign against him goes on. Let us examine what would happen should he really be extinguished.

## Four Classes of Army Draft Are Described

Roosevelt Explains  
Terms of  
Registration of  
October 16

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt after signing the conscription bill Monday afternoon gave the following analysis of the measure which calls for registration of men October 16.

Selective service consists of four steps, which singly and in the group, have been developed to operate with the fairness and justice characteristic of free, democratic institutions. These steps are: Registration, classification, selection and induction.

Wednesday, October 16 has been set aside, on which day every male between 21 and 35, inclusive, will be expected to report to a neighborhood precinct to fill out a registration card and a registration certificate.

The certificate issued to the individual will be carried by him as a testimonial to his acceptance of the fundamental obligation of citizenship. The registration card will be forwarded to the county clerk or similar official and will be delivered by him to the local selective service board. These boards, consisting of three men, each appointed by the president, upon recommendations of the state governors, will be set up in more than 5,000 communities. When the states notify the national director of selective service that all of the local boards have completed their work, a national drawing by lot will determine the order of priority of the registrants in each local board area. The national priority list will be furnished to the local boards and the corresponding order of selection will be entered on the registration cards in their custody.

The priority established by the drawing will determine the order in which questionnaires will be mailed to the registrants. Upon receipt of these questionnaires the registrants will enter on these forms pertinent facts on the basis of which their final classification will be determined.

There will be organized in every community in our nation advisory boards for registrants, composed of patriotic citizens, civilian volunteers, to assist registrants in presenting fairly the facts to be used in determining the place of each individual in the scheme of national defense.

After the return of these questionnaires, the local board, after due consideration, will place the registrants in one of four classes. In Class I will be those who are available for immediate service; in Class II, those who are deferred because of the essential character of the service they are rendering in their present occupations; in Class III those individuals who should be deferred because of individuals dependent upon them for support; in Class IV those specifically deferred by the terms of the act.

The total number of individuals needed by the armed forces will be prorated among the several states. In this allocation due consideration will be given to the number of men already furnished by the state for our military forces. Within each state a quota, in a similar manner, will be divided among the local boards. Thus, each locality will be asked to furnish its fair share of individuals for induction into our armed forces.

In each of these local board areas individuals between the ages of 18 and 35 will be offered an opportunity to volunteer for a one-year period of service and training. Such applicants will be accepted before any other individuals are selected, provided they are suitable for military service. It will be the duty of the local board to

William Feather, writing in the current issue of Imperial Type Metal magazine, refers to a new economics book, "Does Distribution Cost Too Much?" published by the Twentieth Century Fund.

"After presenting 348 pages of facts about distribution, the compilers," says Mr. Feather, "reach the conclusion that the answer is Yes."

"Yet, unfortunately for those who are trying to solve unemployment, the reduction of distribution costs, as outlined, would further increase unemployment. Because the chief wastes in distribution costs, as outlined, would further increase unemployment. Because the chief wastes in distribution are in duplication of outlets, delivery systems, excessive service, multitudes of brands, and unnecessary sales and advertising efforts."

"For example, in a study of 1,020 city blocks in Milwaukee it was found that in every block but one, at least two milk companies made deliveries. In 800 of these blocks, five milk companies went in and out during the day; in 147 blocks, seven companies competed with each other; in one block 17 companies made deliveries; in two, nine different companies delivered milk daily."

"You can see what would happen if this waste were corrected—milk drivers out of work, fewer trucks needed, less gas, oil and repair work."

Under the American system business develops its own particular trend, bending to the habits and tastes and desires of the buying public and in which some different companies delivered milk daily.

For the Reds and their fellow travelers, the Parlor Pinkies, who argue under a perverted notion of "efficiency" that the people would be better served by one outlet and one commodity, probably forced upon them by government, are thinking not of the American people but of the people of Russia and Germany.

"Efficiency," as we see, is a weasel word which taken out of its natural habitat, a nation of free men, for in its ordinary use "efficiency" refers to a business that is better managed than another business, or an engine that is more skillfully designed than another engine.

But this holds good only in a nation where men are free to make their own experiments, their own purchases, their own choice. Under the Communist dictatorships of Russia and Germany "efficiency" isn't a word—it's an excuse for government jamming down the people's throat not what they want but what bureaucrats think they ought to have.

And history shows that the few have been wrong just as often as the many.

Wherefore, no American wholly trusts any government.

## Know the Law Before Marrying

Conscription  
Passage May  
Hasten Weddings

AP Feature Service  
The threat of conscription may be hurrying young couples into marriage. But in at least 30 states there are laws that require more than spur-of-the-moment agreement by the parties before the knot can be tied.

Some states require a waiting period after intention to marry is announced. Others require promissory health tests. Some require both.

Most of the laws fixing awaiting periods are directed at the so-called "Gretna Green" marriages which have aroused public opinion in various sections of the country, according to the Council of State Governments.

Twenty-three states require either advance notice of intention to wed before a license will be issued or a waiting period between issuance of the license and the marriage.

Eighteen have pre-marital health test laws, eleven of these also having statutory waiting periods.

Longest waiting period is six days, in Rhode Island. Shortest is 24 hours, in Connecticut.

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## Club Premiums For Free Fair Are Announced

\$240 in Cash  
Prizes Are Given  
to Demonstration Clubs

The Home Demonstration County Council would like to express their appreciation of the cooperation received from all rural communities, merchants of Hope, cooperating agricultural agencies or educational agencies, the air board, and the Chamber of Commerce for the successfulness of the Hempstead County Free Fair.

This year a new system of judging the Fair was used and ABC rating was given in all divisions of the exhibit hall giving every individual in every community an opportunity for a rating and prizes or ribbons.

\$240 in cash prizes were given through the cooperation of the Hope merchants and the Chamber of Commerce. This was given on Saturday the closing day of the Fair. All judging took place on Wednesday. The following people served as judges: Miss Chrystal Campbell, Home Demonstration Agent of Howard County, Miss Mary Dixon, Home Demonstration Agent of Nevada County, Miss Ruth Taylor, Home Economics Instructor of Hope, Miss Hazel Craig, Home Demonstration Agent of Miller County, and Mrs. Bettie G. Johnson, Home Management Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration of Nevada County.

Nine Home Demonstration Clubs sponsored community educational exhibits. Those receiving A ratings were Rocky Mound and Patmos. B ratings were Melrose, Liberty Hill, Shover Springs, Mt. Nebo. C ratings were Wallaceburg, McCaskill and Sardin. In the colored exhibits Mt. HSHRD received the A rating and Sheppard the B rating. All of these communities received cash prizes plus mileage that was allowed for bringing the exhibits to Hope. Besides the educational exhibits, eight pantry stores were featured. Liberty Hill, Oak Grove and Patmos were in the A rating group, Melrose and Rocky Mound in the B rating group and Wallaceburg, Mt. Nebo and Shover Springs were in the C ratings.

The other divisions in the exhibit hall consisted of educational exhibits. Those rating A were Farm Security Administration, Experiment Station, Rural Electrification Administration, National Forestry Department, CCC, and WPA women's projects, CCC, and vice.

Individual divisions consisted of Food Preservation—with 150 exhibits

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## Robert Knox May Be Demo Group Head

Democrat Says  
Knox Slated to  
Succeed W. S.  
Atkins of Hope

LITTLE ROCK — (AP) — The selection of Robert C. Knox, El Dorado attorney, as chairman of the powerful State Democratic Committee was predicted Tuesday as the biennial state party convention plunged into a crowded one-day session.

The Arkansas Democrat said that Knox was slated to succeed W. S. Atkins of Hope, who headed the committee under the administration of Governor Bailey.

The Democrat also reported that Mrs. David Terry of Little Rock, wife of the Fifth district congressman, was slated for the office of vice-chairman; and that Harvey Combs, Little Rock attorney, is the probable choice for secretary.

## Bankhead Dead, Texan Speaker

Tribute Paid Speaker  
by Rayburn,  
His Successor

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Escorted by President Roosevelt and congressional colleagues (the body of Speaker William B. Bankhead was taken Monday night to his home town of Jasper, Ala., for burial Tuesday. Official Washington gathered in the chamber of the house at noon for brief rites over the flower-covered casket.

Half an hour before the services the house elected Majority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas to the speakership by acclamation. Then with Senator Filburn (Dem. Nev.) president pro tempore of the senate, Rayburn presided over the funeral ceremony.

Throughout the service the president watched the gray casket. Behind him sat Mrs. Bankhead, heavily veiled; Senator John H. Bankhead and Col. Henry M. Bankhead, brothers of the speaker, and the speaker's daughters, Actress Tallulah and Mrs. Eugenia Hoyt, both in black. Members of the cabinet and diplomatic corps and Associate Justice

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## The Nation Mourns Bankhead



The body of Speaker of the House William Bankhead of Alabama is carried into the Capitol Monday to lie in state preparatory to state funeral. President Roosevelt will journey to Alabama to attend services for the veteran representative.

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## F. D. Signs the Draft Bill Into Law



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As President Roosevelt signed the historic peace-time conscription bill Monday, Secretary of War Stimson; Representative Andrew May, Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee; Gen. George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; and Senator Morris Sheppard, Chairman of Senate Military Committee look on, left to right. Registration of men between 21 and 35 was set for October 16.

## Hope Prepares for Smackover

Bobcats in Stiff  
Scrimmages  
Monday, Tuesday

The Hope High School Bobcats, suffering a 24-10 defeat at the hands of Haynesville's Golden Tornado team in the season's opener last Friday night, went through a stiff scrimmage Monday in an effort to iron out mistakes made in preparation for their game with Smackover this coming Friday night.

Coach Foy Hammons announced that most of the boys were still suffering from bruises and soreness received in Friday night's tussle with Haynesville, "however I think they will be all right by game time Friday."

Several new plays were given out Monday and they will be stressed in the final scrimmage of the week Tuesday afternoon. The squad was somewhat strengthened when four new and prospects reported for practice Monday.

Smackover is reported to have one of the best teams in their history and proved this rumor not entirely false by fighting Camden to a 0-0 tie last Friday night. The team has a letterman in almost every position as few were lost through graduation. Hope defeated the Buckaroos by a lopsided 50-0 score last year and they will be out for revenge.

The squad will leave for Smackover on a large bus at 4:30 Friday afternoon. Many Hope fans plan to attend that game and will leave in cars sometime later.

## Full Dress Act Without Rehearsal

ALAMOGA, Colo. — (AP) — Assistant Fire Chief William Shultz, who also is exalted ruler of the Alamogosa B. P. O. E., was presiding at a lodge initiation ceremony. Other members of the volunteer fire department were participating, everyone in full dress.

A car, parked at the curb in front of the building, caught fire. The volunteer responded on the run, manning a hose, put out the flames, brushed off their fancy uniforms and returned to the initiation.

## Conserving Energy, If Not Fish

ANDERSON, S. C. — (AP) — The most resourceful angler must be the fellow who stood on the edge of a trout hatchery, gazing into the water. Not until after the disappearance of many fish was his technique discovered.

The man made his catches with a line extended through a pocket with a hole in it, down his pants leg and into the water. He pulled the fish up his pants leg.

Organized yacht racing in the United States began about 1840.

## A Thought

Serving God with our little, is the way to make it more; and we must never think that wasted with which God is honored, or men are blest. — John Hall.

## Bergdoll Must Serve Term

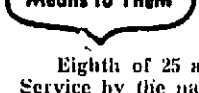
Federal Judge Knox  
Dismisses Habeas  
Corpus Writ

NEW YORK — (AP) — Federal Judge John Knox Tuesday dismissed a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Cleveland Bergdoll, World War draft dodger, and ruled that Bergdoll must serve the full five-year sentence imposed in 1920 by an army court martial. In addition to a two-year sentence imposed in 1939 for his flight to Germany.

Italians—British Battle  
ROME — (AP) — Flying columns of Italian and British motorized troops battled Tuesday in sandstorms in the Egyptian desert, the high command reported, with the Fascist legions near Sidi Barrani inside the British-defended Egyptian frontier.

Cairo dispatches said that temperatures of 110 to 120 degrees prevailed and that scant water supplies tormented the soldiers.

## OUR COUNTRY



Eight of 25 articles on "Our Country," written exclusively for NEA Service by the nation's most famous authors.

By JONATHAN DANIELS  
Discovers New England, and "A Southerner Discovers the South."

I can claim no credit because I come from a region where long ago men went about grumbling that it was a rich man's war and a poor man's fight but fought like the devil just the same.

I'm glad I'm a man of a land where a part of freedom has been to cuss the boss, damn the Republicans and denounce the Democrats, to stomp brogans in fury at town meeting, fuss about taxes, complain about the poor, blame the rich. We began to quarrel before we landed in the wilderness, the prairies arguing among ourselves, sometimes with guns. We made the American unity in a bloody civil war.

Maybe we could have made a better job of America if we had always moved in disciplined agreement. I doubt it. Maybe this would be a stronger America now if we the people always spoke with the same voice and the same views. I am not sure. But I am sure that there is now as there has been an American unity stronger because it is the willing unity of individuals and not the docile or driven unity of the mass.

But America is different now, they tell me. We are not the homogeneous people once we were. We are the product now of a melting pot that did not melt.

It may be so, but sometimes as an old American I have felt almost rebuked in my own casual acceptance of my citizenship by the eager, passionate allegiance of new Americans to the meaning of this land.

Among the new and the old Americans undoubtedly there are traitors and grafters, profiteers, trouble-makers and terrorists. The past did not lack them; the present should not be incapable of dealing with them.

But the world is different now, they tell me. You could wait for the growth of a fighting unity once, now it must be full-grown in an instant. It is true. But we made speed here. We have made it not only on wheels but on wires—without wires. Sometimes now we swoop in decision like a dive bomber. We may be quickly wrong, but that is not lack of unity. That is somebody's minority opinion. Maybe mine.

But today decision must not only be swift in emergency it must be also continuous, implacable, maintained. There was a continuity which ran at least from 1920 to the decision-making disaster in the fall of 1929. It has been eight years since the first electoral determination upon the New Deal. Now in almost unopposed unity the decision upon military and naval security has been made. Who expects that mood to change soon?

America a babel, an ant hill overturned? I have heard some of the voices. As one of the ants I have met others in a good many different parts of the hill.

There are differences certainly between a man cutting pulp in a Maine woodlot and a man on an automobile assembly line in Dearborn. There may

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## RAF and Gales Force German Barges Back

London Shelled  
and Bombed  
by Nazi Guns  
and Air Raiders

LONDON — (AP) — Channel gales and a storm of British bombs scattered Hitler's invasion fleet of hundreds of barges and ships, staying any immediate threat of an armed landing, the Britons learned with relief Tuesday from the air ministry.

But the accompanying fog, the first of autumn, which blanketed military objectives, failed to stop the whiplash of straying German planes.

Four air raid alarms were sounded in the London area during the day. A westerly gale which whipped the Channel and nightly bombings from the British air force were declared by the air ministry to have forced the German fleet, concentrated in coves and harbors of the French, Belgium and Netherlands coasts, to scurry for new cover.

Nazi Ship Gather  
LONDON — (AP) — Winston Churchill disclosed in the House of Commons Tuesday that the Germans were continuing "steadily" to deploy barges and ships in preparation for an invasion of the British Isles and warned: "We must expect that he will make an attempt at what he judges to be the best opportunity."

He referred, of course, to Adolf Hitler.

Churchill spoke before an assemblage of Commons which began at 2:45 p. m., but the fact that it was in session was kept secret for more than two hours because of repeated air raids over London.

The prime minister's statement ranged from recapitulation of air raid casualties at home to the terse announcement that "sharp fighting" was taking place between armored vehicles of the British forces in Western Egypt and those of the Italian invader.

He disclosed that 8,000 had been killed in the first half of September in air raids on Britain.

Guns Shell London  
BERLIN — (AP) — Germany's long-distance guns on the French Channel coast have begun to shell London, informed German sources disclosed Tuesday night.

The shells, which have gone into action against London were hitherto unused, these sources said, and even now their firing is more or less limited to range-finding. Their use, however, is expected to increase daily.

It is roughly 90 miles from the German occupied, French coast to London.

Nazis Say R.A.F. Powerless  
BERLIN — (AP) — The "growing force" of German air attacks rolling on against Britain was declared by authorized sources Tuesday to have fallen crushingly upon London's traffic centers and subway stations and has broken the striking power of the British air force.

Many of London's traffic arrangements were demoralized by "most effective" attacks on vital points within the past 24 hours, the authorized sources asserted, while the high command declared that British planes have not even attempted to attack German territory within the past 24 hours.

Besides setting huge fires with bombs of all calibers in many parts of industrial London, authoritative sources said that the German air force had drastically interfered with production at the Armstrong Arms Factory in Birmingham and forced the suspension of production at the Rolls Royce plant where "5,000 motor-cycles" were destroyed.

Wiwanis Meeting to Be Held Wednesday

Miss Celia Hughes, County Health Nurse and Miss Mary Sullivan, District Nursing Consultant, will be the guest speakers at Wednesday-noon meeting of the Hope Kiwanis Club at Hotel Barlow.

All members are urged to be present.

Astoria, Oregon, was founded in 1811 as a fur-trading post by John Jacob Astor.

## CRANIUM CRACKERS

U. S. Labor Leaders  
Here are the names of five prominent American labor union leaders. Can you tell what union each is associated with? If isn't necessary to give the full name of the union; the trade is enough.

1. Daniel J. Tobin.  
2. Harry Bridges.  
3. A. Philip Randolph.  
4. John L. Lewis.  
5. William H. Hatcher.

Answers on Comic Page

## COTTON

NEW YORK — (AP) — December cotton opened at 9.30 and closed at 9.33-34. Middling spot at 9.81.



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## 20 Years Ago

Miss Evelyn Wilson will return from Little Rock Saturday to attend school here this winter. She will be located at the home of her brother Robert M. Wilson.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Norton and daughter, Miss Rebecca, will leave tomorrow for a pleasure trip to Colorado, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, returning via El Paso.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oglesby and little son and daughter have returned from Denver.  
W. B. Nash of Lewisville is in the city today on business.  
F. E. Baker of Stamps was a guest of Hotel Barlow here yesterday.  
Brooks Shults of Fulton was here yesterday on business.

## Answer to Cranium Cracker

- Questions on Page One
1. Tobin-tearmasters.
  2. Bridges-longshoremen.
  3. Randolph-sleeping car porters.
  4. Lewis-mine workers.
  5. Hutchison-carpenters.

## MIND YOUR MANNERS

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- Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authorities.
1. Should a college girl introduce her "date" to her housemother, if she is in the living room when the young man calls?
  2. Should a college girl introduce herself to a faculty member by saying, "I am Miss Smith?"
  3. Should a college girl rise when a woman faculty member comes over to talk to her?
  4. Should a note of thanks be written to those who chaperone a fraternity dance?
  5. Is it necessary to reply to an invitation to a tea, given by an organization?
- What would you do if—  
Someone leaves a telephone number which you do not recognize for you to call. When you call the number:  
(a) Say, "This is Jim Brown. Did someone at this number call me?"  
(b) Say, "Who is this talking?"
- Answers
1. Yes.
  2. No. "I am Ruth Smith."
  3. Yes.
  4. Yes.
  5. No.
- Best "What Would You Do?" solution—(a). The person who takes a number should ask for the name as well as the number, and so not put a person in the position of calling a number not knowing to whom he is to speak.

## Sparring Stars Lose 'Arms'

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE  
Associated Press Science Editor  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Cosmic clashes—signs of conflict between star systems each as huge as the Milky Way—are suggested by some photographs taken by Harvard astronomers.

The old monuments of London fall, the outcroppings of Roman walls crumble at last after 2000 years, the tower of William the Conqueror may topple, the London of Johnson and Dickens and Thackeray, of Lincolns and Soho and Whitehall may become dust.

The British are staking everything on the future rather than on the past. They have chosen to make bomb-factories of the monuments of the past, hoping and believing that those very ruins will be recognized by the fu-

## MAP PUZZLE

- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1. Pictured British islands.
  7. They are near the coast of.
  13. Heavy blow.
  14. Sheet of paper folded once.
  16. Set of compositions.
  17. Coin.
  18. High J dance.
  19. Not bright.
  20. Chisel.
  21. Close-fitting coat.
  22. Legal rule.
  23. Violence.
  24. Servant on horseback.
  25. Food container.
  26. Backless chair.
  27. South Africa (abbr.).
  28. To sum up.
  29. Comprehensive.
  30. Genus of cattle.
  31. Russian council.
  32. Like.
  33. Matter-of-fact.
  34. Interprets speciously.
  35. Winders.
  36. Its new governor general, the Duke of.
  37. Frozen vapor.
  38. Indian.
  39. 2000 pounds.
  40. Railroad engineer's shelter.
  41. It is a favorite winter tourist.
  42. To portray.
  43. Shoe bottom.
  44. One time.
  45. Coal boxes.
  46. Baseball team.
  47. Exclamation.
  48. Small wild ox.
  49. Flock.
  50. Constellation.
  51. To provide.
  52. Comforts.
  53. Filmy.
  54. Theater booth.
  55. Measure of area.
  56. Wand.
  57. Timber tree.
  58. Cubic (abbr.).

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There are three of these pictures, each showing a nebula—a galaxy of stars comparable in size to the Milky Way and of entirely unusual form. Instead of being spirals, the common form of star congregations in observable space, these are "one-armed." The usual spiral has two arms, on opposite sides, winding out like pin-wheel flares. Each of the three has lost one arm. The resulting shape is so striking that the astronomers have dubbed them "ring-tails."

F. Shirley Patterson, in the Bulletin of the Harvard College Observatory, calls attention to the proximity of two of the ring-tails as a possible sign that they came into conflict either with each other, or with some third huge galaxy. The two "ring-tails" face each other somewhat in the positions of fencers.

Gravitational forces might furnish the dynamite for this kind of celestial disruption.

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## Bruce Catton Says:

By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent

## War Department Hoped to Enlist 790,000 Men

WASHINGTON — Now that the smoke has settled over the scrap on the draft bill, a couple of extremely odd things about the whole business remain to be examined.

First is the matter of voluntary enlistment as a means of filling up the ranks of a greatly enlarged army.

During debate on the bill, administration spokesmen said over and over again that the War Department had absolutely no faith in volunteering as a means of getting a lot of men in a hurry. They also asserted that to try to combine volunteering and conscription—as contemplated in the Fish amendment—would simply mean delay and confusion. Lastly, it was asserted that in the World War the United States was never able to raise more than 40,000 men in one month by volunteer enlistments.

Planned to Recruit 790,000 Men

Simple fact, however, is that the original protective mobilization plan of the War Department—the army's official schedule for war, until the present draft bill came along—set up a scheme very much like the Fish proposal for raising a wartime army.

Furthermore, this scheme called for raising the army to war strength pending application of the draft by enlisting—not 400,000 men, as the Fish amendment would have provided, but 790,000.

It's all set forth in a pamphlet called "American Selective Service," prepared under the supervision of the Joint Army and Navy Selective Service Committee and issued in October, 1939.

At that time the army did not dream of getting a draft law in time of peace. All the figuring was done on the idea that a draft law could be passed only after war broke out, and that it would be at least 60 days before drafted men would start coming into camp. During those 60 days, it was proposed to get at least 790,000 recruits for army, navy, national guard and marine corps.

Extensive Drive Outlined

A gigantic enlistment campaign to accomplish this was envisaged. Each governor was to set up a drive cov-

ering his own state, reaching down to each city and county, all of which would be allotted their quotas of men. Civilian committees would be set up to see that the quotas were met.

"The promotional work to accomplish this result in each community," says the pamphlet, "is similar to other drives the mechanics of which are easily understood and frequently employed."

This whole procedure was almost exactly like the procedure called for by the Fish amendment—except that it was aimed at getting twice as many men. Just incidentally, the pamphlet reveals that in the first 60 days after we entered the war in 1917, all arms of the service took in 290,000 men by voluntary enlistment.

Last June: "Nothing to Do"

Another odd point is that only three months ago the administration was trying hard to get congress to adjourn on the ground there was nothing more for it to do.

Joint Republican and rank-and-file Democratic opposition killed this

move. Congress stayed on the job. Since then it has passed the two-ocean navy bill, the national guard mobilization bill and the excess profits tax in addition. If the administration had had its way last June, none of these acts would have been put through.

## MARKET REPORT

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Heavy Hens	10c 1b.
Leghorns	9c 1b.
Broilers	1b. 12c
Eggs	11c doz.
Cheese	50c - 60c each
Ducks	20c - 25c each

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

## with Major Hoople

WHAT KIND OF A PLACE IS THIS, ANYWAY? THE FRONT DOOR DOESN'T ANSWER, AND NEITHER DOES THE BACK! WHERE'S UNCLE BULGY? HE'S NOT EVEN IN THE HAMMOCK! DIDN'T AUNT MARTHA GET MY LETTER? OH, GEE, I JUST REMEMBERED—IT'S STILL IN MY POCKET.

IT'S THAT TORNADO, LEANDER, AGAIN! TH' THUG THAT REDUCED TH' NEIGHBORHOOD TO A SHAMBLES LAST SPRING! WELL, I KNOW MY RIGHTS—IF HE'S COMING FOR ANOTHER VISIT, I'M CALLING UP TH' POLICE RIGHT AWAY AND, AS A CITIZEN, DEMANDING PROTECTION, DAY AND NIGHT!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T LITTLE LEANDER AGAIN!

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## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

THAT'S A TOUGH SILENCE, WILLY!

YES—GEE, WILLY, WITH YOUR SILENCE I COULD FIND OUT ANYTHING I WANTED. I SHOULD THINK YOU'D FEEL LIKE BANLING.

YEAH, AN' IT'S ALL—WELL, IF YA THINK TH' "LITTLE GUY" DROWNED—MAYBE THAT'LL BE A LESSON TO 'IM.

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## ALLEY OOP

HAVING FAILED TO DISCOVER WHERE THE PRIESTS OF WOOLUM HAVE HIDDEN COOLA AND DR. BRONSON, ALLEY OOP DECIDES TO CLEAN OUT THE TEMPLE!

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## WASH TUBBS

THE FIRST STEP IN TRYING TO TRAP EASY:

WELL, THINK I'LL TAKE A BATH.

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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

WELL, HERE I AM!

OH, SON, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU HOME AGAIN! I'VE MISSED YOU TERRIBLY!

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## RED RYDEP

WE'RE ALMOST TO PAINTED VALLEY RANCH. DOC WILSON, EVERYBODY SURE HOPES YOU CAN FIX UP RED RYDEP—HE'S A MIGHTY FINE MAN!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SHERIFF, AND—

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## Greetings

MISS CORA—HEAR DEY COMES!

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## Here — And Gone

I'M GONNA—HEY, WHAT TW???

WHIRRRRR!

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## The Trap

NOW WHAT THE BLAZES IS COMING OVER THAT GORILLA? TWO BATHS IN ONE DAY... THEN HE GOES IN FOR LITERATURE.

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## Easy Some — Easy Go

I CAN OUTLINE MY FINANCIAL CONDITION VERY SIMPLY! HERE, TAG—GO OLF AND WEIGH YOURSELF!

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## By Fred Harman

HEREDY, DOC! HOPE YOU DIDN'T COME ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

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## By Edgar Martin

POOPY! I'M SURE GLAD I'VE OUT-GROWN SUCH KID STUFF!

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## By V. T. Hamlin

WELL, I'LL BE...!! WHERE'D HE GO?

CLICK!

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## By Roy Crane

HELLO! HERE'S A PAGE TURNED DOWN AND WORDS UNDERSCORED. IT'S A SECRET MESSAGE! NEW LEADER ARRIVES TONIGHT.

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## By Merrill Blosser

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